## 2015 - 2016 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS

## **Mandatory Check and Report Requirements**

Any hunter killing a bighorn sheep ram must present the horns and have a big game mortality report completed at an Idaho Fish and Game regional office within 10 days of the date of the kill. Fish and Game's headquarters office is not equipped to check in bighorn sheep. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked at the Fish and Game regional office in Nampa (3101 S. Powerline Rd, 208-465-8465) weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by appointment at the Garden City facility, 109 W. 44th St., 208-327-7095.

A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above report requirements if that person possesses the necessary information to accurately complete the necessary form, see page 30.

Unsuccessful hunters must present or mail their unused tags to a Fish and Game office within 10 days after the close of the season for which the tag was valid. Tags can be mailed to: Idaho Fish and Game, Attn: Wildlife Bureau, PO Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. Cancelled tags will be returned to the hunter upon request. Failure to report may result in future ineligibility in bighorn sheep drawings.

No person may harvest more than one Rocky Mountain and one California bighorn sheep in Idaho during their lifetime. Lottery and Auction tag winners are exempt from the once in a lifetime provision.

**Drawing Odds:** Drawings odds are an approximation of the probability of drawing a tag for each hunt in 2014 and were calculated by dividing the number of tags offered by the number of first choice applicants for that hunt in the 2014 drawing then converting to a percentage. New Hunts and controlled hunt areas with significant boundary changes for 2015 - 2016 have been designated as "New Hunts."

To review more detailed information about number of applicants or drawing odds for other years, please visit our website at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/CHodds.

## 2015 & 2016 Bighorn Sheep Controlled Hunts - Rams Only 91 Total Tags Including Special Lottery and Auction Tag

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Rams: North of Interstate Highway 84 63 Tags							
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Area	Tags	Season Dates	Drawing Odds in 2014			
5001	11	1	Aug 30 - Oct 13	0.4%			
5002	19*	4	Aug 30 - Oct 13	3%			
5003	19A*	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	New Hunt			
5004	20*	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	18%			
5005	20A	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	6%			
5006	21	3	Aug 30 - Oct 13	5%			
5007	26*	4	Aug 30 - Oct 13	14%			
5008	27-1	12	Aug 30 - Oct 13	24%			
5009	27-2	6	Aug 30 - Oct 13	20%			
5010	27-3*	4	Aug 30 - Oct 13	10%			
5011	27-4	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	4%			
5012	28-1	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	11%			
5013	28-2	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	New Hunt			
5014	30*	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	4%			
5015	36*	1	Aug 30 - Oct 13	4%			
5016	36A*	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	3%			
5017	36B*	4	Aug 30 - Oct 13	4%			
5018	37*	6	Aug 30 - Oct 13	1%			
5019	37A	2	Aug 30 - Oct 13	1%			

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Rams: Late Controlled Hunts North of Interstate Highway 84 5 Tags						
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Area	Tags	Season Dates	Drawing Odds in 2014		
5020	17L	1	Aug 30 - Oct 31	9%		
5021	26L	2	Oct 14 - Oct 31	4%		
5022	27L*	2	Oct 14 - Oct 31	5%		

California Bighorn Rams: South of Interstate Highway 84 21 Tags						
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Area	Tags	Season Dates	Drawing Odds in 2014		
7001	40	1	Aug 30 - Oct 8	4%		
7002	41-1	2	Aug 30 - Oct 8	3%		
7003	41-2	4	Aug 30 - Oct 8	3%		
7004	42-1	4	Aug 30 - Sep 14	4%		
7005	42-2	4	Sep 22 - Oct 8	4%		
7006	46-1*	3	Aug 30 - Sep 14	3%		
7007	46-2*	2	Sep 22 - Oct 8	2%		
7008	55	1	Aug 30 - Oct 8	3%		

<sup>\*</sup> See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.